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SUMMARY.

The New York Senate has passed a bill creating commissioners to regulate corporations conducting the public business.

The adoption of the bill has enhanced George Horner's chances of nomination for the Presidency.

At Southsea, J. L. Crumpe, aged 78, shot dead a widow named Crumpe, with whom he had remained relations.

The old man, whilst inquiring about some property which he was interested in, heard of the existence of Mrs. Crumpe, and interviewed her.

Mrs. Crumpe's husband was formerly Mr. Morris, a barrister, a Tassanian, who assumed the name of Crumpe when he inherited his fortune.

Buddhist emissaries are circulating reports that the Punjab Government had poisoned the wells, thereby causing plague.

Wild excitement prevails in the villages near Lahore.

The Pope has approved of the formation of a Roman Catholic college for women at Oxford.

The strike of 10,000, inaugurated at New York for increased wages has collapsed.

The strike in the Rand is general. White miners 42 miles have come out.

The departmental committee has reported against eight-hour shifts in coal mines.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor, at the Irish Convention, said that the Home Rule struggle must be recommended sterner than ever.

Whilst Lynch in Ireland was searching for the men who had beaten him, killing one white, and wounding four others.

The Lynchers killed four members of the man's family, including two women.

Sir William Lyons says that Mr. Winston Churchill sympathised with nobody but God.

The South African cricket team in the opening match in England beat Leicester by 93 runs.

In the Trout benefit match Trout took four wickets with successive balls, and afterwards repeated the hat trick.

To-day Empire Day will be celebrated. Elaborate arrangements have been made in this State.

The mail syndicate has not deposited the £25,000 additional bond demanded by the Commonwealth.

Mr. Bent has renewed his proposal that Victoria should guarantee the subsidy, conditionally on Melbourne being the terminal port.

He also stipulates that Victoria should be given preference in perishable goods space on the steamer.

Mr. Bent leaves it up to the other States to join in the guarantee if they desire to do so.

Mr. Carruthers may be suspected Mr. Bent's visit to England, but declined to speak till he had mastered the facts.

Mr. Montford, Premier of Queensland, says that he will not entertain the proposal for a moment.

The action of the Victoria Government in providing a supply service to Singapore is to be resented in South Australia.

It is stated that one State is thus allowed to assist its exports, other States are not.

The council of the Wellington Chamber of Commerce states that no system of deferred shipping rebates exists in New Zealand.

The council also recognises the character of the shipping services supplied to the colony by our own companies.

Mr. Samuel Hordern concluded his evidence in the Arbitration Court.

Witnesses stated that he did not run his factory to make profit—his project was to get work done.

Mr. John L. Hordern (Hordern Brothers, Pitt-street) declined to disclose the salaries he paid except to camera.

At Kyogle Mr. Carruthers refused a request to erect a local court-house.

During his northern tour the Premier has met with a number of difficulties.

At Grafton blacklegs are working in the field, but meat cannot be got.

Mr. Moore, Premier of Western Australia, arrived in Sydney on Friday to attend the Premier's Conference.

In regard to federal finance, he said he had been told that the money was to be used for the Queensland election.

Mr. Phillips says his party, as the result of the Queensland elections, has been consolidated as well as strengthened.

He expresses regret, however, for the prolonged absence of the absent and stanchion members of his party.

Mr. W. Knox, M.P., says that as soon as the Federal tariff is settled the anti-socialist members should fall into line.

He thinks that caesar domination has received a wholesale check.

The railway Commissioners have ordered 100 coal-cutting machines for Newcastle at a cost of £70,000.

The Commissioners have accepted a tender for general machinery for additional power at Ultimo.

It has practically been agreed that the mine owners and strikers at Cobas shall hold a conference.

A shipment of New South Wales oranges affected with fruit-fly was destroyed at Adelong.

At the same time the Act prohibiting the further importation of various kinds of fruits was put into force.

The bicentenary of Linnaeus was commemorated last night.

The Imperial Government has conditionally accepted our offer to supply sugar and glucose to India imported from Australia.

Mr. Lee stated to a deputation yesterday that the time had come when Cronulla should be connected with Sydney by a tramway.

The request of the League of the Cross, Quay, for a tramway to the boat-hire and wharf-district of the town was denied.

Rebecca Sherlock, a waitress, fell off at the Aradah Hotel yesterday, and was killed.

At Ballina, the eldest son of Mr. John Jones was shot dead by a visitor with a pistol.

The police are still pursuing the man who kidnapped a young girl near Wollongong last week.

Constable George Arthur Johnson was sentenced to four months' hard labour yesterday for inflicting grievous bodily harm.

Town declines to visit England this year because he desires to see his brother's train.

Durran stated at Vancouver that on the day of his race with Town he fell "dead," and did not sleep an hour a night for a week previously.

The New South Wales Association will consider questions connected with the cricket record on Monday.

Fifty-three pedestrians took part in a race from the Capital Cook Hotel to Coogee yesterday. The winners had a meal at the hotel.

Instant Architects had eight entries.

They proposed its approval to the Water and Sewerage Board as constituted.

It also declared that the board should be given power to institute as well as control.

Judge Heydon explained yesterday that he would be wrong to infer that he charged Mr. McGowen with unfairness.

Swine fever is causing great destruction to portions of the South Coast. One farmer's loss is £10,000.

At the Northern Rifle Association's meeting Billigrove won the Lytton. In the Tyrone, Bert Brown Matters scored the possible.

At the homebase salaried yesterday a sum of £1000 was realised.

At the wool sales competition was vigorous, and firms won.

The Stock and Share market was quiet, and without important change.

Weather forecast: Fine generally, but a few showers after 5 p.m. in the afternoon. Districts cold, winds moderate.

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SOME GLIMPSES OF HOSPITAL LIFE.

IN THIS WEEK'S "SYDNEY MAIL."

OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES—THE TYPICAL CITY URBAN—REMARKABLE PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT THE NEWSBOY'S PICNIC—LITERARY BALL STUDIES—"AUSTRALIAN WOMEN" PAGE.

THE SYDNEY MAIL THIS WEEK has a set of excellent pictures from negative made at the Children's Hospital, Camperdown. It is accompanied by an article explaining how and why the institution does such a good work for the poor and unfortunate. Quite apart from this aspect, the pictures are interesting, and reflect nothing in anything rather than gloom. Viewed only as pictures, they make a beautiful art, and the emotions they arouse need not be dredged by the most sensitive. In one or there is something of the bracing, hardy, simple life.

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The face and attitude of the baby workers, but also love and faith. There are many other glimpses of the world, the patients, the doctors, and the nurses.

Among the other illustrations is a remarkable picture secured at the Newsboy's Picnic. The page is wholly a study of faces, and is one of the best pictures of the kind published for a long time. Here is the boy in his true character—humorous, sharp, hungry.

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PERSONAL.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Deakin, and Sir William Lyne will embark at Melbourne for Australia by the steamer Orientes to-day.

Mr. Austin Chapman, Postmaster-General, left Melbourne by train yesterday evening for Sydney.

Mr. T. Waddell, M.L.A., Chief Secretary, left for Cooma by last night's train to attend the Empire Day celebration there. He will return to Sydney on Saturday morning.

Mr. S. W. Moore, Minister for Mines and Agriculture, is away on a visit to the Binnagur electorate. He will be at the Mines Department on Saturday.

Colonel Groom, Director of Works for the Commonwealth, will leave Melbourne for Sydney on Tuesday, to act in conjunction with the Secretary of Home Affairs Department, Mr. Miller, in fixing the value of military properties taken over from the State.

The South Australian Premier, Mr. T. Price, and Attorney-General, Mr. Peake, yesterday passed through Melbourne on their way to the Premiers' Conference in Brisbane, accompanied by Mr. R. Gill, Under-Treasurer, and Mr. A. Dowdy, acting secretary to the Premier. The party was entertained at luncheon by the State Government, and left with the Acting Premier of Victoria (Mr. Davies) and Acting Under-Treasurer (Mr. Webb) by the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

N. J. Moore, Premier of Western Australia, Mr. Keenan, Attorney-General of Western Australia, and Mr. Swinburne, Victorian Minister for Agriculture and Water Supply, arrived in Sydney yesterday by the Melbourne express, en route to the Premiers' Conference. Mr. Price (Premier) and Mr. Peake (Attorney-General) were received by the Premiers of Victoria and Mr. Davies, Acting Premier of Victoria, will arrive by to-day's express, and the whole of them, with Mr. Ashton, Minister for Lands, who with Mr. Carruthers is to represent New South Wales, will leave by special train this evening for Brisbane.

Captain William Nathaniel Chambers, 83, died at Bundaberg, Queensland, on Friday evening in his 83rd year. He had been born in 1824, in Victoria, and after serving as a lighting business at Sandridge for some time, arrived in New Zealand in 1851.

Mr. C. J. Loder, manager of the Turner-ubane branch of the City Bank of Sydney, was yesterday presented by his colleagues in the head office with a wedding gift in the form of a case of cutlery. The presentation was made by Mr. E. A. Scott.

Mr. J. Bradford leaves for many years the head of Sam Padgett, a negro living in Clarendon, Georgia, whose son Peter was reported as having assassinated the white woman, the inmates of the house fired, killing one white man and wounding four others.

The mob then retaliated, and killed four of the Padgett family, including two women, who had allowed them to escape.

IRISH COUNCIL BILL.

NATIONALIST DETERMINATION.

A STERNER STRUGGLE.

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In a speech made at a dinner of merchants, pointed out the necessity of the Public Utilities Bill, and the objects which it proposes to attain. For the work of administration he said the bill proposed to appoint commissioners to ensure the proper performance of public utility companies.

The Legislature may, within its constitutional power, establish standards of service. A railroad corporation, for example, is bound to give safe, impartial and adequate service for a reasonable charge. It is the function of the commission to secure safety, impartiality, adequacy of service and reasonable charge—that is, compliance with the spirit of the law.

For this purpose it should have full power to conduct investigations and to make whatever orders in relation to operation may be necessary to secure proper service upon fair terms and without unlawful discriminations.

Undoubtedly very broad powers are required, reaching the various departments of management and control of the business of the public. It is no answer to say that these powers may be abused. Every officer of Government who has power adequate for any purpose may abuse his power. The safeguard is found in official responsibility and accountability. But the possibility of abuse is no argument why powers which in their nature are designed to secure the safety and convenience of the public should not be conferred. It has been urged that the granting of such broad powers is incompatible with the maintenance of the freedom of management said to be inherent in the property rights of the corporations. Such an objection has a certain plausibility, but it does not stand up to examination.

The picture, in summarising the public interest in the power to require such equipment and facilities and such manner of operation, is not clear. It is not clear that it will be claimed that the existence of this power is inconsistent with property rights in the corporation.

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PUBLIC SERVICES.

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THE MAIL CONTRACT.

NO ADDITIONAL BOND YET.

LONDON, May 22, 1.30 p.m.

The Mail Syndicate has not deposited with the Commonwealth representative the additional bond (£25,000) demanded as a guarantee for carrying out its contract. The time allowed—a week—expired yesterday.

(The above appeared in yesterday's second edition.)

MR. BENT'S ACTION.

GUARANTEES THE SUBSIDY.

PREFERENCE FOR VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE THE TERMINAL PORT.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A new development has taken place in regard to the mail contract. Mr. Bent, Premier of Victoria, who is at present in London, has advised his High Commissioner to instruct the Australian Government to withdraw from the mail contract.

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The multiplicity of interests in the United Kingdom and the world-wide nature of the British Empire makes it difficult to administer the mail contract.

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The Town Hall, where the farewell concerts are announced for to-morrow. The Measures 2, and N. T. Talb have arranged patriotic programmes, and the band will play a march on both occasions with martial performances of "God Save the King," "Advance Australia," and "The Maple Leaf for Ever." The afternoon will be given over to "Matters of Britain," and the soloists will be "The Death of Nelson" (trombones) and "The Star in Bethlehem" (cornet). At night the old songs will be sung with from the "Faust," favourite solos, and the popular descriptive fantasies, "A Soldier's Life."

Emancipation Day will be celebrated in the New South Wales by a meeting to be held in the public schools' demonstration, in which 24 schools will take part on the showground at Broadmeadow.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

1. Flags to be flown from all Federal and State Government buildings, Municipal and other institutions in the cities, and the shipping in the harbours of the State, are invited to fly likewise. His Majesty's ships-of-war to be present, to be drawn up in formation, and will be illuminated from 9 till 11 p.m.

2. Special steps to be taken by schools, both public and private, to teach the young minds of the pupils an appreciation of the Empire, and will help to develop a feeling of pride in the achievements of the British race, and the efforts of the people of Great Britain, on which an intelligent patrician may be based.

3. In public schools the first hour or two of the day will be devoted to a short entertainment, with the exception of the

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THE COMMONWEALTH.

"Flag of the World," by F. E. Holmes, F.L.S., F.R.A., and all the quotations are from the same author. I am, etc., F. B. SUTTON.

ADELAIDE CELEBRATIONS.

ADELAIDE. Thursday.

The exhibition Building was crowded mostly with school children on Wednesday, when a patriotic entertainment was held there, and the Queen's Guard and the Royal Australian Dragoon Guards paraded in full uniform. Lo Huntie unveiled a lithograph of the King in his robes.

The portrait was by Lake Piles, and was presented to Government House by the Colonial Office.

FIJI.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SUVA, May 15.

After a hot month the trade winds have set in, and the weather is now beautifully cool. It is now seven years since such favourable seasons have been known, and the time is ripe for the coming sugar and fruit seasons.

Two State motor cars, which were entrained by Mr. Chapman, were here last week, and a heavy road was made for Kyogle.

The road between the two localities was, in places, very rough, and calculated to try any motorist.

There is no railway connection between the two places, so that the road is the only means of communication.

The Union Jack and the Federal Flag will be displayed on the remainder of the day.

The statue of the late Queen Victoria is to be suitable decorated, and illuminated at Government House.

Mr. —— Minister for Public Instruction (Hon. J. A. Horne, M.L.A.) to visit Girls' High School, and deliver an address.

On Saturday, the 27th, the Band of the Royal Engineers, Irish Guards, to play in Martin Place.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

Business was not particularly brisk on Tuesday yesterday. Wickham and Bullock's coal cost 4d. other sales being at previously current rates.

The following sales were reported:—Morton, Wickham Coal, price 4d. per ton; Ltd., 223 Jd.; Bank of New South Wales, 4d. per ton; Colonial Sugar, 4d. per ton; Afternoon City Bank, Sydney, old, 70c.; Wickham Coal, 4d. per ton.

Closing quotations were:—

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Those who were watching the bank clearing returns will have noticed that those of the Melbourne banks are this year expanding with greater rapidity than those of the Sydney institutions. This is probably due to the fact that there are special circumstances governing these returns that scarcely make them comparable with those of the banks in Sydney. It is also probable that we may not receive more than the usual amount of returns from the American gold deal will apparently depend upon America's capacity to buy more of our wool.

Wool sales are in their quotation for next Saturday, March 28, and prompt delivery. Rivers four charged hands at 4d. prompt delivery.

Trade has been fair, though the wool market has been rather quiet.

It can be seen that now New South Wales has imported 25,634,425 more merchandises than Victoria in the period while she has imported 16,945,234 more external business during the first four months of the current year than her southern neighbour.

EARLIER TRADE SUPREMACY.

The wool market has gained but few gains of comfort from statistics recently published on the authority of the Board of Trade. These figures, however, do not give us a clear picture of all the principal countries, and in case of all of them except British India and the United States the figures given in the appended table represent goods shipped to Australia, while all the export totals relate to domestic produce. The Belgian figures are for principal products only.

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